

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-7 (Withdrawn)

8. (Currently Amended) A tube target for a cathode sputtering installation, comprising a centrifugally cast, cylindrical hollow body as a sputtering material, the hollow body having a grain structure with columnar crystallites arranged substantially perpendicular to a circumference of the hollow body.

A/ 9. (Currently Amended) A tube target as defined in claim 8, wherein the cylindrical hollow body is formed from ~~at least one of a metal and a noble metal.~~

10. (Currently Amended) A tube target as defined in claim 9, wherein the cylindrical hollow body is formed from silver.

11-12 (Withdrawn)

13. (New) A tube target as defined in claim 9, wherein the cylindrical hollow body is formed from a noble metal.
